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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I value choice and competition in the home internet marketplace. I believe that copper and fiber on poles and underground should be free for any service provider to use to provide service to me or anyone else. Local government makes it near-impossible for independent internet service choices to flourish and it is up to the FCC to make sure I have the freedom to choose my provider. Right now, I have overpriced Comcast home internet service that costs me 150 dollars a month, but for my home business, I need their 10 mbps upstream speed and unlimited monthly usage which only they can provide in my area. A local independent provider, Sonic, will start offering service to my neighborhood next month at 1000 mbps upload with unlimited usage for 50 dollars! Obviously I have already signed up.

But to operate, Sonic needs to use ATT's infrastructure and in most cases has virtually no opportunity to build their own in parallel.

So please, do everything you can to protect the rights of small businesses to share copper and fiber and to protect my choice in an increasingly anti-competitive home internet marketplace.

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